

## BEAUTIFUL COLOR BLENDING.



While black and white combinations predominate in nearly all millinery this season both for formal occasions and ordinary wear occasionally one sees an exquisite color blending as in the hat above which sets the former colors at naught. A rich shade of brown velvet faces the brim, which rolls high on the left side, turning sharply down over the hair on the right. The high bowl-shaped crown is covered with satin brocade shading from cerise to blue, while banded high on the right side is a bunch of ostrich plumes—cerise at the stem, the color fading to cream at the tips.

## Ancient Population of New Mexico.

From Harper's.

"How long were the ruins of the south-west inhabited? and how dense was the population in ancient times? Some of the best archeologists have strongly insisted that appearances are deceitful. The hundreds, and indeed thousands, of sites of ancient villages in Colorado, the Texan Panhandle, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, as well as in similar parts of northern Mexico, were not all inhabited at one time, so they tell us. Most represent more temporary stopping places where migratory bands of a people supposed to have been ancestors of the Indians settled for a few years and then moved on. At the outside limit, so say these archeologists, the entire population never amounted to more than a few score thousands, whose civilization was of the lowest and most insignificant type. Other students, fewer in number than the orthodox school, hold that the majority of the ruins were all occupied at the same time and for centuries after. They say that the population of the arid south-west must have amounted to many hundred thousands—decidedly more in all probability than the country supports today. Furthermore, if this were so, although the type of civilization may have been more primitive compared with ours, yet it was by no means so low as that of the modern Indians. It must have been of the same grade as that of early Babylon, Egypt, Palestine or Greece before the art of writing was invented. People who could dwell peacefully for centuries in such permanent communities, and could build great communal houses and long systems of canals, were by no means unprogressive. Such a view leads one to believe that, if only the traces of the history of the primitive Americans would prove quite as interesting, and to us possibly more interesting than that of the early oriental peoples to whom our scholars devote so much time and our millionaires so much money."

## At His Mercy.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Elmore Simms, I am asking you for the last time to marry me."

"How many times does this make, Julius?"

"Seven times, and three baffled attempts. What do you say, girl—yes or no?"

"I can only repeat what I have already said, Julius."

"And that is?"

"No."

"Why the laugh?"

"I laugh because revenge is sweet. Tomorrow I set forth to attain it. I will strike you, proud girl, through your father's arm."

"My father?"

"Sure thing. All the world shall know what he really is."

"Mercy!"

"I alone know his guilty secret."

"Hush, girl, for your father's sake. I will tell you what he is. A standpatter!"

"Oh, oh! Be merciful and I will be yours. Tableau."

## Famous Women's Names.

From the New York Press.

A census is being taken up in literary clubs here and abroad of the Christian names of women who have attained fame in art, science, history and government. The results so far obtained show a tie for first honors among Marys, Elizabeths and Anns. The next favorite name of illustrious women is Margaret, and then come Jane, Catherine, Frances, Sarah, Harriet, Charlotte, Caroline, Lucy, Matilda, Emily and Susan. The Mauds, Gwendolyns, Ediths, Ethels, Hazels and Rosas are now famous enough to get in the honorable mention class so far. A census has not yet been completed, but still may be hope for some of the latter.

## Lacking.

From Puck.

The madman, having possessed himself of an ax, approached the grand piano. The master sat apart, unheeding—it was the hour for a pupil to enter, and he did not intend to. Catherine swung his ax aloft, and with all the energy of insanity brought it down upon the keys.

"How lacking is your touch," complained the master, still without looking up, "in virtu."

Whereupon the madman, not too mad to be stung by the unintended irony, slunk away.

## New Girls.

From Puck.

Knicker—Do you have a new cook often? Subbs—We have them close enough together to be twins.

## When He Pleased.

From the Yonkers Statesman.

Ben—So you think the audience was pleased with your singing? Bolt—Certainly. Didn't you hear it applaud? That's a sign it was pleased.

Ben—But it didn't applaud until you stopped, so I conclude that's the time it was pleased.

## Certainly.

From Puck.

Guide—No one has ever been able to find out what the Sphinx stands for—whom he represents?

American Tourist—That's nothing! We've lots of congressmen at home the same way!

## WEATHER

## Fair Tonight and Tuesday; Temperature Tonight About 28 Degrees.

For the District of Columbia, fair tonight and Tuesday; temperature tonight about 28 degrees; light westerly winds.

Cold weather prevails this morning from the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys westward, with temperatures generally below zero over the northwestern districts. Over the eastern half of the country temperatures are above the seasonal average.

Unsettled weather continued over the middle and south Atlantic and gulf states, with rains, and there were snows and rains west of the Rocky mountains.

There will be more rain in the east gulf and south Atlantic states, probably light local snows along the windward shores of the great lakes and snow in Kansas.

It will be colder tonight in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys and the lake region, and colder Tuesday in New England and the middle Atlantic states.

The winds along the New England and middle Atlantic coasts will be moderate westerly; on the south Atlantic and east gulf coasts light to moderate, mostly northeast and east. Steamers departing today for European ports will have moderate west and southwest winds with generally fair weather to the Grand Banks.

The following heavy precipitation (in inches) has been reported during the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. Sunday:

Halifax, N. S. 1.32; Sydney, N. S. 1.22; St. Johns, N. F. 1.00.

## Tide Tables.

Today—Low tide, 5:33 a. m. and 5:43 p. m.; high tide, 11:26 a. m. and 11:35 p. m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 6:14 a. m. and 6:20 p. m.; high tide, 12:08 a. m.

## The Sun and Moon.

Today—Sun rose 7:17 a. m.; sun sets 4:43 p. m.

Tomorrow—Sun rises 7:17 a. m.; moon sets 9:21 p. m. today.

## The City Lights.

The city lights and naphtha lamps all lighted by thirty minutes after sunset; extinguishing began ten minutes before sunrise. All arc and incandescent lamps lighted fifteen minutes after sunset.

Extinguishing of forty-five minutes before sunrise.

## Up-River Waters.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., December 25.—Potomac and Shenandoah rivers both very muddy this morning.

## Skin Games.

From the Baltimore American.

Sentences of imprisonment pronounced upon a group of get-rich-quick point again the warning to the foolish ones, who are led on and are plucked by the beguiling advertisements and claims that upon their face are preposterous. Here were men who planned an air line between New York and Chicago by the simple device of laying down a ruler and drawing a line. Exclaiming "Hanged be mountains and rivers and other natural obstructions," they had created enormous funds for their projects. Many of them were deceived by them. They all went the same way, and the horde of innocents who gave up their cash to the concerns multiplied millions in their hands, while getting nothing in return. Long before the classic case of the South Sea Bubble, men were doing the foolish thing of investing in rain, snow, and they ever will, but it is a satisfaction that from time to time Uncle Sam proclaims the sacredness of his mails by landing the designing rascals in prison.

## Her Sweet Way.

From the Yonkers Statesman.

Wife—How many lumps of sugar, John? Husband—Oh, the same way, and the way as usual, dear.

## Sure Enough.

From the Yonkers Statesman.

Mrs. Gabb—My husband speaks five languages. Mr. Still—Indeed! How did you find that out?

## Stung!

From London Opinion.

The husband arrived home much later than usual "from the office." He took his boots and stole into the bedroom, but, vain precaution! His wife began to stir. Quickly the panic-stricken man went to the cradle of his first-born and began to rock it vigorously.

"What are you doing there, Robert?" queried his wife.

"I have been sitting here for nearly two hours trying to get this baby asleep," he growled.

"Why, Robert, I've got him here in bed with me," said his spouse.

## A Masculine Surmise.

From Harper's Bazar.

Husband—How would you explain the inscrutable Mona Lisa smile?

Judson—Some one has told a funny story and the poor woman is smiling in the wrong place.

## More Accurate.

From London Opinion.

The address was about to marry a penniless peer. To him she said:

"My dear, I'm rather a new woman, you know, so do you mind asking the bishop to omit the word 'obey' in our wedding ceremony?"

Lord Lacland stroked his mustache, smiled cynically and answered:

"No, I don't mind, my love, I'll just tell the old boy to make it 'love, honor and supply.'"

## Incredible.

From Life.

Miss Scribble—The heroine of my next story is to be one of those modern advanced girls who have ideas of their own and don't want to get married.

The Colonel (politely)—Ah, indeed, I don't think I ever met that type.

## Dogs of War.

From the London Chronicle.

The dogs which are helping the British forces against the Abors by performing sentry duty are by no means the first to figure in the British army. When the Earl of Essex went to Ireland to quell the rebellion in the reign of Elizabeth, he took with him a bloodhound to bark at the traitors and to track down fugitives after the battles; and in all our wars with Scotland and France was largely used for the same purpose.

## John, here's your frazzled oats.

John, here's your frazzled oats. I had nothing but oats for breakfast for a month. Can't you think of nothing but oats?

"That may be, but I'm no horse!"—Kansas City Journal.

## Bless my soul.

Myrtle, I am too busy gauging the scintillating omphrephonic of the chromatic dispenser to do it tomorrow.

## They are awfully in the way where they are, and I'm

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## Men and Religion

By Rev. Charles Stelzle.

MOST men have just about enough "religion" to make them miserable. To such religion is purely a negative proposition. It is a series of "don'ts" which keeps them guessing. Its a system which slanders the real thing. There's nothing joyous or spontaneous about it. Haven't you ever noticed the injunctions in the Bible to "rejoice"? That's the keynote of Christianity. If your religious life isn't a joyful one there is something wrong with it. Waded out! Get beyond the breakers! It's safer there, and smoother, and you'll have a better time all around. But if you're shutting the joy out of some other man's life there's surely something wrong with you. You may be doing it by reflecting your own sordid disposition. Your shadow may be casting gloom over every man that you influence. And if you are systematically crushing hope out of men, what can be said for your religion?

Perhaps you say that you make no pretense of having any religion. Well, there are some mighty good men who make no profession of religion. But honestly—don't you know that you have actually adopted a little creed of your own, and that you're really considering yourself superior to a lot of other fellows in this old world who have passed by you? They make mistakes once in a while, but who are now hand?

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## College of Cardinals.

Has Vast Amount of Routine Work—Cardinal Falconio to Serve in Curia.

THE average American has no idea of the vastness of the routine work done by the college of cardinals, says a writer of the International Catholic Truth Society, but a reading of the authoritative list of congregations will show why so many of the cardinals have to live in Rome, where they will be able to assist the Pope in the spiritual management of the millions of Catholics living in all parts of the world.

In this connection Cardinal Falconio will serve in the curia or administrative body of the church, and it is declared he is especially fitted for his task. The prefect of the Congregation of the Sacraments, Cardinal Rampolla is secretary.

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## WHOLESALE MARKET REPORT.

Quotations given below are for large lots.

EGGS—Nearby fresh Virginia, 35c; West Virginia, 34c; Tennessee, 33c.

BUTTER—Elgin fancy, 35c; 34c; western firsts, 30c; 27c; seconds, 23c; 34c.

CHEESE—New York state factory, new, 15c; 16c.

POULTRY—Chickens, per lb., 12c; hens, per lb., 11c; roosters, per lb., 8c; turkeys, per lb., 14c; ducks, per lb., 12c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Hens, choice, per lb., 12c; chickens, per lb., 11c; roosters, per lb., 10c; turkeys, per lb., 14c; ducks, per lb., 12c; capons, 7 lb. average, per lb., 18c; capons, small, per lb., 15c.

GAMING—Rabbits, per doz., 10c; 11c; 12c; 13c; 14c; 15c; 16c; 17c; 18c; 19c; 20c; 21c; 22c; 23c; 24c; 25c; 26c; 27c; 28c; 29c; 30c; 31c; 32c; 33c; 34c; 35c; 36c; 37c; 38c; 39c; 40c; 41c; 42c; 43c; 44c; 45c; 46c; 47c; 48c; 49c; 50c; 51c; 52c; 53c; 54c; 55c; 56c; 57c; 58c; 59c; 60c; 61c; 62c; 63c; 64c; 65c; 66c; 67c; 68c; 69c; 70c; 71c; 72c; 73c; 74c; 75c; 76c; 77c; 78c; 79c; 80c; 81c; 82c; 83c; 84c; 85c; 86c; 87c; 88c; 89c; 90c; 91c; 92c; 93c; 94c; 95c; 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 100c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, Michigan state, 2c; 3c; 4c; 5c; 6c; 7c; 8c; 9c; 10c; 11c; 12c; 13c; 14c; 15c; 16c; 17c; 18c; 19c; 20c; 21c; 22c; 23c; 24c; 25c; 26c; 27c; 28c; 29c; 30c; 31c; 32c; 33c; 34c; 35c; 36c; 37c; 38c; 39c; 40c; 41c; 42c; 43c; 44c; 45c; 46c; 47c; 48c; 49c; 50c; 51c; 52c; 53c; 54c; 55c; 56c; 57c; 58c; 59c; 60c; 61c; 62c; 63c; 64c; 65c; 66c; 67c; 68c; 69c; 70c; 71c; 72c; 73c; 74c; 75c; 76c; 77c; 78c; 79c; 80c; 81c; 82c; 83c; 84c; 85c; 86c; 87c; 88c; 89c; 90c; 91c; 92c; 93c; 94c; 95c; 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 100c.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, per bbl., 12c; 13c; 14c; 15c; 16c; 17c; 18c; 19c; 20c; 21c; 22c; 23c; 24c; 25c; 26c; 27c; 28c; 29c; 30c; 31c; 32c; 33c; 34c; 35c; 36c; 37c; 38c; 39c; 40c; 41c; 42c; 43c; 44c; 45c; 46c; 47c; 48c; 49c; 50c; 51c; 52c; 53c; 54c; 55c; 56c; 57c; 58c; 59c; 60c; 61c; 62c; 63c; 64c; 65c; 66c; 67c; 68c; 69c; 70c; 71c; 72c; 73c; 74c; 75c; 76c; 77c; 78c; 79c; 80c; 81c; 82c; 83c; 84c; 85c; 86c; 87c; 88c; 89c; 90c; 91c; 92c; 93c; 94c; 95c; 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 100c.

LEMONS, per box, 4c; 5c; 6c; 7c; 8c; 9c; 10c; 11c; 12c; 13c; 14c; 15c; 16c; 17c; 18c; 19c; 20c; 21c; 22c; 23c; 24c; 25c; 26c; 27c; 28c; 29c; 30c; 31c; 32c; 33c; 34c; 35c; 36c; 37c; 38c; 39c; 40c; 41c; 42c; 43c; 44c; 45c; 46c; 47c; 48c; 49c; 50c; 51c; 52c; 53c; 54c; 55c; 56c; 57c; 58c; 59c; 60c; 61c; 62c; 63c; 64c; 65c; 66c; 67c; 68c; 69c; 70c; 71c; 72c; 73c; 74c; 75c; 76c; 77c; 78c; 79c; 80c; 81c; 82c; 83c; 84c; 85c; 86c; 87c; 88c; 89c; 90c; 91c; 92c; 93c; 94c; 95c; 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 100c.

CRANBERRIES, 32-quart boxes, 3.50; 3.75; per bbl., 10.00; 11.00.

GRAIN—Wheat, new, per bu., 90c; 91c; 92c; 93c; 94c; 95c; 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 1.00; 1.01; 1.02; 1.03; 1.04; 1.05; 1.06; 1.07; 1.08; 1.09; 1.10; 1.11; 1.12; 1.13; 1.14; 1.15; 1.16; 1.17; 1.18; 1.19; 1.20; 1.21; 1.22; 1.23; 1.24; 1.25; 1.26; 1.27; 1.28; 1.29; 1.30; 1.31; 1.32; 1.33; 1.34; 1.35; 1.36; 1.37; 1.38; 1.39; 1.40; 1.41; 1.42; 1.43; 1.44; 1.45; 1.46; 1.47; 1.48; 1.49; 1.50; 1.51; 1.52; 1.53; 1.54; 1.55; 1.56; 1.57; 1